(iii) Efforts have been directed towards creating public awareness and educating the public and members of Animal Welfare Organisations/ Societies for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals on Animal Welfare related activities.

(iv) Encouragement and assistance is being given to Animals Welfare Organisations/Societies for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, through the Animal Welfare Board of India.

(v) A Committee has been constituted to make recommendations to the Government for control and supervision of experiments on animals.

Running of Ferry Services along Sea Coast

*339. SHRI S. K. T. RAMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to start, regular ferry services from one port to another to carry passengers and goods along the East and West coast lines of the country in view of heavy rush on inland routes; and

(b) is so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) There is no such proposal at present.

(b) Does not arise.

Ignoring of Environmental Laws by the States

*340. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the State Governments are ignoring the environmental laws by issuing licenses to various polluting industries; and

(b) if so, what action or measures Government are contemplating to prevent such violations by the States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) The State Pollution Control Boards give consent to establish or operate any industrial plant which is likely to cause pollution. The consent is given under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981. Government of India have issued a notification on 16.1.1991 withdrawing the powers delegated to the Central and State Pollution Control Boards to grant extention of time for discharging environmental pollutants in excess of the prescribed standards to any new units to be established. No violation of this stipulation has come to notice.

Proposal for Rcgularisation of Land

®3336. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Gujarat has submitted any proposal to regularise land to those people in the forest areas who were tilling it for years up to 1980 and after;

(b) whether Government are making any efforts to regularise 12,000 hectares of such land in the State; and

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